Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 12 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 13 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 12 Mar 2021 at 03:21 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High, falling low for Tuesday.

Headline for Friday 12 Mar 2021: Frequent snow showers bringing blizzard condtions and sunny intervals. Gales and severe wind chill.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 12 Mar 2021

Blizzards
High Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Medium Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability					
70%	80%	80%	80%	60%	70%

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Weather: Frequent snow showers, some heavy with the odd lightning strike possible. Blizzard conditions due to the strong winds and sub-zero temperatures.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% - but varying markedly as showers move through. Nearer 20% over highest summits with only brief clearances.

Visibility: Good away from showers but frequent rapid deteriorations to poor or very poor in showers, with cloud descending to 500-600m at times with lower patches in the west.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	34/41 SW	36/45 SW	36/48 SW	35/47 SW	31/40 SW	24/30 S	17/20 S
900	24/31 W	25/32 SW	27/38 SW	27/39 SW	23/31 SW	16/23 S	11/15 S
600	29/36 SW	28/35 SW	31/41 SW	32/42 SW	27/36 SW	19/24 S	8/11 SE
300	15/21 SW	17/24 SW	18/28 SW	18/28 SW	14/23 SW	9/15 S	5/8 SW
Glen	11/23 SW	11/21 SW	14/28 SW	14/27 SW	13/24 SW	8/16 S	4/7 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-5/-15	-5/-16	-6/-16	-5/-16	-5/-15	-4/-13	-4/-11
900	-3/-11	-3/-11	-3/-11	-3/-11	-3/-11	-3/-9	-3/-8
600	-0/-9	-1/-8	-0/-8	-0/-8	-0/-8	-0/-7	-1/-4
300	1/-4	2/-4	2/-4	2/-4	2/-4	1/-3	1/-2
Glen	3/-1	4/-1	4/0	5/0	4/-1	2/-1	2/0
Freezing Level*	400m	400m	400m	400m	500m	400m	400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note the very low feels like temperatures at height.

Forecast for Saturday 13 Mar 2021
Weather: Overnight snow showers dying out to leave a mainly dry morning with some sunny spells. Turning cloudier in the afternoon with a few snow showers arriving on strengthening northwesterly winds.

Maximum wind: Easing overnight to be west to northwest 15-20mph by dawn, rising to 35 gusts 50mph by afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% in morning with scattered cloud patches then falling 40% in the afternoon.

Visibility: Mainly good, occasionally poor in snow snowers in the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 Celsius rising to Plus 6 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 300m overnight rising to 600m in the afternoon.

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